

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment to the specification is requested to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2).

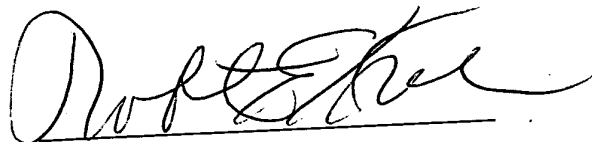
Amendments have been made to the claims to improve the readability of the application. The amendments made herein are of a clerical, typographical or grammatical nature. It is submitted that the proposed amendments to the claims do not constitute new matter or are such to require reexamination.

Favorable consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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